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PLACE: 2172 RAYBURN
FOR: HIRC
SUBJECT: PATTERNS OF GLOBAL TERRORISM

ATTENDEES:

<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROLE</u>
CIA/OCA		SUPPORT
DOS	ZELIKOW, PHIL	WITNESS
HIRC/ITWP	ROYCE, EDWARD R [R-CA]	CHAIRMAN
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HIRC/ITWP	SHERMAN, BRAD [D-CA]	R/MINORITY
HIRC/ITWP	CROWLEY, JOSEPH [D-NY]	REP
HIRC/ITWP	ISSA, DARRELL [R-CA]	REP
HIRC/ITWP	MCCOLLUM, BETTY [D-MN]	REP
HIRC/ITWP	TANCREDO, TOM [R-CO]	REP
HIRC/ITWP	WELLER, GERALD	REP
NCTC	BRENNAN, JOHN	WITNESS

Executive Summary:

Summary Text:

HIRC held their hearing today regarding State Departments annual report on terrorism (the former Patterns of Global Terrorism report). Here with brief run down of this of this overall uneventful hearing.

Overall member participation was low. 9 members did attend but briefly and at any given moment, only a few were present.

Panel 1 had Phil Zelikow, terrorism counsel for Secretary of State, and John Brennan from NCTC.

Panel 2 had Rafael Pearl from CRS (presently writing report on what metrics should be used in the GWOT); and Larry Johnson, former CIA, former DoS employee, now outspoken private citizen regarding this report.

Chairman Royce:

Opening remarks addressed past and present problems with the report: the 2003 report (issued in 2004) had inaccurate numbers; the 2004 report does not contain the numbers.

Asked John Brennan how one should judge success against terrorism. John replied that a problem with the aggregate numbers of incidents is that they do not reflect the significance of the events. A small attack against an ATM counts on the same level as 9/11 type of event.

Would like to see a statistic of how many graduates from the Madras schools that teach Jihad, go on to become

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terrorists.

Ranking Member Sherman:

Does not like present construct of the report, does not find it helpful. Wants to see a clear description regarding which countries are helpful in the GWOT and conversely, which countries are not.

Noted that he would like to see statistics that reflect how many events were intended to be significant but for whatever reason, did not materialize to that level.

Rep. Poe:

What is the Administration's definition of "terrorism." While John was able to repeat the Congressional definition as articulated in the requirement for State to produce their report, neither John nor Phil could produce the Administration's definition. Both replied in the importance of having a common set of terms.

Rep. Issa:

Wants to work with the agencies to define the term "terrorism."

Rep. Waller:

Interested in narco trafficking out of Latin America. Concerned that terrorists are funding their activities through criminal enterprises.

During the second panel, Larry Johnson stressed the good job CTC used to do when they were responsible for producing the terrorist incident numbers. He then repeatedly stated that CIA and State Dept. need to work together better on the report. No one opted to tell Johnson that NCTC is not CIA.

When asked if NCTC accurately counted the numbers, Rafael Pearl replied that this was a work in progress but believed there is sincerity at NCTC to do this right.

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Follow-up Action Items:

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